

**TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTUAL PROPOSALS DURING THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SESSION:  
COUNCIL - PART I**

***Informal Working Group – Institutional Matters***

Please fill out one form for each textual proposal which your delegation(s) wish(es) to amend, add or delete and send to [council2022@isa.org.jm](mailto:council2022@isa.org.jm).

**1. Name(s) of Delegation(s) making the proposal:**

Belgium

**2. Please indicate the relevant provision to which the textual proposal refers.**

Regulation 6

**3. Kindly provide the proposed amendments to the regulation in the text box below, using the “track changes” function in Microsoft Word. Please only reproduce the parts of the text that are being amended or deleted.**

~~(e) The date of deposit by the sponsoring State of its instrument of ratification of, or accession or succession to, the Convention, and the date on which it consented to be bound by the Agreement; and~~

~~(f) A declaration that the sponsoring State assumes responsibility in accordance with articles 139 and 153 (4) of the Convention and article 4 (4) of annex III to the Convention.~~

**4. Please indicate the rationale for the proposal. [150 word limit]**

Belgium is of the opinion that, in paragraph 3, the letters e) and f) are redundant. On letter e): the date of deposit of the ratification, accession or succession instrument and the date on which the State consented to be bound by the Agreement are known to the International Seabed Authority and should not be repeated in the certificate of sponsorship. On letter f): the responsibilities of the sponsoring State do not depend on such a declaration, but on the legal force of the prescriptions. As activated by the issuance of a certificate of sponsorship. A declaration to assume responsibility is redundant and confusing.